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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

HIBINO et al.

Art Unit: 1634

Application No.: 09/444,388

Examiner: Souaya, Jehanne E.

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For: PROCESS FOR OBTAINING PLANT DNA FRAGMENT AND USE THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: August 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2003, applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn in light of the following remarks.